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TO : NEA - Mr. William M. Rountree

DATE: June 13, 1957

FROM : NE - William C. Burdett *WCB*

SUBJECT: Welcome for Crown Prince Faisal

Discussion:

Crown Prince Faisal is scheduled to arrive in New York on the SS INDEPENDENCE July 1. Present indications are that he will proceed, perhaps after a few days in New York, to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. In view of his importance in Saudi Arabia, we believe it desirable to indicate in an appropriate manner our desire to make his stay in this country a pleasant one and to receive him in Washington before his departure.

We therefore suggest the following steps:

1. That you go to New York to receive him on July 1. Since his visit is an informal one, Protocol would not send an officer but would provide an agent to assist in customs clearance. The arrival would be handled in a manner similar to that of Crown Prince Abdul Ilah.

2. We would express to Crown Prince Faisal our hope that he would be able to visit Washington during his stay in the United States. While we could not offer him the hospitality of the President's Guest House, we could arrange a luncheon or dinner in his honor.

3. We would offer him an Arabic-speaking officer of the Department as an escort in the United States, if he so desired.

If you approve the foregoing suggestions, we will proceed with the necessary steps to implement them.

Recommendation:

That you approve the foregoing suggestions.

Concurrences:U/PR *J.P.*G - *FW*

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